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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 104.010, 104.352, 104.354, 104.1003, 104.1021, and 104.1087, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof six new sections relating to the administration of state employee retirement benefits.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 104.010, 104.352, 104.354, 104.1003, 104.1021, and

- 2 104.1087, RSMo, are repealed and six new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be
- 3 known as sections 104.010, 104.352, 104.354, 104.1003, 104.1021, and 104.1087,
- 4 to read as follows:
 - 104.010. 1. The following words and phrases as used in sections 104.010
- 2 to 104.800, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, shall
- 3 mean:
- 4 (1) "Accumulated contributions", the sum of all deductions for retirement
- 5 benefit purposes from a member's compensation which shall be credited to the
- 6 member's individual account and interest allowed thereon;
- 7 (2) "Active armed warfare", any declared war, or the Korean or
- 8 Vietnamese Conflict;
- 9 (3) "Actuarial equivalent", a benefit which, when computed upon the basis
- 10 of actuarial tables and interest, is equal in value to a certain amount or other
- 11 benefit;

- 12 (4) "Actuarial tables", the actuarial tables approved and in use by a board 13 at any given time;
- 14 (5) "Actuary", the actuary who is a member of the American Academy of
 15 Actuaries or who is an enrolled actuary under the Employee Retirement Income
 16 Security Act of 1974 and who is employed by a board at any given time;
- 17 (6) "Annuity", annual payments, made in equal monthly installments, to 18 a retired member from funds provided for in, or authorized by, this chapter;
- 19 (7) "Average compensation", the average compensation of a member for 20 the thirty-six consecutive months of service prior to retirement when the member's compensation was greatest; or if the member is on workers' 2122compensation leave of absence or a medical leave of absence due to an employee illness, the amount of compensation the member would have received may be 23used, as reported and verified by the employing department; or if the member had 2425 less than thirty-six months of service, the average annual compensation paid to the member during the period up to thirty-six months for which the member 26 received creditable service when the member's compensation was the greatest; or 27if the member is on military leave, the amount of compensation the member 28 would have received may be used as reported and verified by the employing 29 department or, if such amount is not determinable, the amount of the employee's 30 31 average rate of compensation during the twelve-month period immediately 32 preceding such period of leave, or if shorter, the period of employment immediately preceding such period of leave. The board of each system may 33 34 promulgate rules for purposes of calculating average compensation and other retirement provisions to accommodate for any state payroll 35 system in which compensation is received on a monthly, semimonthly, 36 biweekly, or other basis; 37
- 38 (8) "Beneficiary", any person entitled to or nominated by a member or 39 retiree who may be legally entitled to receive benefits pursuant to this chapter;
- 40 (9) "Biennial assembly", the completion of no less than two years of 41 creditable service or creditable prior service by a member of the general assembly;
- 42 (10) "Board of trustees", "board", or "trustees", a board of trustees as 43 established for the applicable system pursuant to this chapter;
- 44 (11) "Chapter", sections 104.010 to 104.800;
- 45 (12) "Compensation":
- 46 (a) All salary and wages payable out of any state, federal, trust, or other 47 funds to an employee for personal services performed for a department; but

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48 including only amounts for which contributions have been made in accordance 49 with section 104.436, or section 104.070, whichever is applicable, and excluding any nonrecurring single sum payments or amounts paid after the member's 50 51 termination of employment unless such amounts paid after such termination are a final installment of salary or wages at the same rate as in effect immediately 5253 prior to termination of employment in accordance with a state payroll system adopted on or after January 1, 2000, or any other one-time payments made as a 54 55 result of such payroll system;

- (b) All salary and wages which would have been payable out of any state, federal, trust or other funds to an employee on workers' compensation leave of absence during the period the employee is receiving a weekly workers' compensation benefit, as reported and verified by the employing department;
- (c) Effective December 31, 1995, compensation in excess of the limitations set forth in Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a)(17) shall be disregarded. The limitation on compensation for eligible employees shall not be less than the amount which was allowed to be taken into account under the system as in effect on July 1, 1993. For this purpose, an "eligible employee" is an individual who was a member of the system before the first plan year beginning after December 31, 1995;
- (13) "Consumer price index", the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States, or its successor index, as approved by a board, as such index is defined and officially reported by the United States Department of Labor, or its successor agency;
- (14) "Creditable prior service", the service of an employee which was either rendered prior to the establishment of a system, or prior to the date the employee last became a member of a system, and which is recognized in determining the member's eligibility and for the amount of the member's benefits under a system;
- 76 (15) "Creditable service", the sum of membership service and creditable 77 prior service, to the extent such service is standing to a member's credit as 78 provided in this chapter; except that in no case shall more than one day of 79 creditable service or creditable prior service be credited any member for any one 80 calendar day of eligible service credit as provided by law;
- 81 (16) "Deferred normal annuity", the annuity payable to any former 82 employee who terminated employment as an employee or otherwise withdrew 83 from service with a vested right to a normal annuity, payable at a future date;

- 84 (17) "Department", any department or agency of the executive, legislative 85 or judicial branch of the state of Missouri receiving state appropriations, 86 including allocated funds from the federal government but not including any body 87 corporate or politic unless its employees are eligible for retirement coverage from 88 a system pursuant to this chapter as otherwise provided by law;
- 89 (18) "Disability benefits", benefits paid to any employee while totally 90 disabled as provided in this chapter;
- 91 (19) "Early retirement age", a member's attainment of fifty-five years of 92 age and the completion of ten or more years of creditable service, except for 93 uniformed members of the water patrol;
 - (20) "Employee":

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- (a) Any elective or appointive officer or person employed by the state who 95 is employed, promoted or transferred by a department into a new or existing 96 position and earns a salary or wage in a position normally requiring the 97 performance by the person of duties during not less than one thousand forty 98 hours per year, including each member of the general assembly but not including 99 any patient or inmate of any state, charitable, penal or correctional 100 institution. [Beginning September 1, 2001, the term "year" as used in this 101 subdivision shall mean the twelve-month period beginning on the first day of 102103 employment.] However, persons who are members of the public school retirement 104system and who are employed by a state agency other than an institution of 105 higher learning shall be deemed employees for purposes of participating in all 106 insurance programs administered by a board established pursuant to section 107 104.450. This definition shall not exclude any employee as defined in this subdivision who is covered only under the federal Old Age and Survivors' 108 Insurance Act, as amended. As used in this chapter, the term "employee" shall 109 110 include:
 - a. Persons who are currently receiving annuities or other retirement benefits from some other retirement or benefit fund, so long as they are not simultaneously accumulating creditable service in another retirement or benefit system which will be used to determine eligibility for or the amount of a future retirement benefit;
- b. Persons who have elected to become or who have been made membersof a system pursuant to section 104.342;
- 118 (b) Any person who **is not a retiree and** has performed services in the 119 employ of the general assembly or either house thereof, or any employee of any

120 member of the general assembly while acting in the person's official capacity as 121 a member, and whose position does not normally require the person to perform 122 duties during at least one thousand forty hours per year, with a month of service 123 being any monthly pay period in which the employee was paid for full-time 124 employment for that monthly period; except that persons described in this 125 paragraph shall not include any such persons who are employed on or 126 after August 28, 2007, and who have not previously been employed in such positions; 127

- 128 (c) "Employee" does not include special consultants employed pursuant to 129 section 104.610;
- 130 (d) [As used in this chapter, the hours governing the definition of 131 employee shall be applied only from August 13, 1988, forward;
- 132 (e)] The system shall consider a person who is employed in multiple 133 positions simultaneously within a single agency to be working in a single position 134 for purposes of determining whether the person is an employee as defined in this 135 subdivision;
- 136 (21) "Employer", a department of the state;
- 137 (22) "Executive director", the executive director employed by a board 138 established pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;
- 139 (23) "Fiscal year", the period beginning July first in any year and ending 140 June thirtieth the following year;
- 141 (24) "Full biennial assembly", the period of time beginning on the first day 142 the general assembly convenes for a first regular session until the last day of the 143 following year;
- 144 (25) "Fund", the benefit fund of a system established pursuant to this chapter;
- 146 (26) "Interest", interest at such rate as shall be determined and prescribed 147 from time to time by a board;
- (27) "Member", as used in sections 104.010 to 104.272 or 104.601 to 148 104.800 shall mean [a member of the highways and transportation employees' 149 and highway patrol retirement system without regard to whether or not the 150 member has been retired] an employee, retiree, or former employee 151 152entitled to a deferred annuity covered by the Missouri department of 153transportation and highway patrol employees' retirement 154 system. "Member", as used in this section and sections 104.312 to 104.800, shall mean [a member of] an employee, retiree, or former employee entitled to 155

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156 deferred annuity covered by the Missouri state employees' retirement system 157 [without regard to whether or not the member has been retired];

- (28) "Membership service", the service after becoming a member that is 158 159 recognized in determining a member's eligibility for and the amount of a member's benefits under a system; 160
- 161 (29) "Military service", all active service performed in the United States 162 Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and members of the United States Public Health Service or any women's auxiliary thereof; and service in the 163 164Army national guard and Air national guard when engaged in active duty for training, inactive duty training or full-time national guard duty, and service by 165 166 any other category of persons designated by the President in time of war or 167 emergency;
 - (30) "Normal annuity", the annuity provided to a member upon retirement at or after the member's normal retirement age;
- (31) "Normal retirement age", an employee's attainment of sixty-five years of age and the completion of four years of creditable service or the attainment of age sixty-five years of age and the completion of five years of creditable service by a member who has terminated employment and is entitled to a deferred 173normal annuity or the member's attainment of age sixty and the completion of fifteen years of creditable service, except that normal retirement age for 176uniformed members of the highway patrol shall be fifty-five years of age and the completion of four years of creditable service and uniformed employees of the 178water patrol shall be fifty-five years of age and the completion of four years of creditable service or the attainment of age fifty-five and the completion of five years of creditable service by a member of the water patrol who has terminated employment and is entitled to a deferred normal annuity and members of the general assembly shall be fifty-five years of age and the completion of three full biennial assemblies. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, 184 a member of the highways and transportation employees' and highway patrol retirement system or a member of the Missouri state employees' retirement system shall be entitled to retire with a normal annuity and shall be entitled to elect any of the survivor benefit options and shall also be entitled to any other provisions of this chapter that relate to retirement with a normal annuity if the sum of the member's age and creditable service equals eighty years or more and if the member is at least forty-eight years of age;
- 191 (32) "Payroll deduction", deductions made from employee's

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- 193 (33) "Prior service credit", the service of an employee rendered prior to the date the employee became a member which service is recognized in determining 194 195 the member's eligibility for benefits from a system but not in determining the 196 amount of the member's benefit;
 - (34) "Reduced annuity", an actuarial equivalent of a normal annuity;
- 198 (35) "Retiree", a member who is not an employee and who is receiving an 199 annuity from a system pursuant to this chapter;
- (36) "System" or "retirement system", the [highways and transportation employees' and highway patrol retirement system] Missouri department of transportation and highway patrol employees' retirement system, as 203 created by sections 104.010 to 104.270, or sections 104.601 to 104.800, or the Missouri state employees' retirement system as created by sections 104.320 to 104.800;
 - (37) "Uniformed members of the highway patrol", the superintendent, lieutenant colonel, majors, captains, director of radio, lieutenants, sergeants, corporals, and patrolmen of the Missouri state highway patrol who normally appear in uniform;
 - (38) "Uniformed members of the water patrol", employees of the Missouri state water patrol of the department of public safety who are classified as water patrol officers who have taken the oath of office prescribed by the provisions of chapter 306, RSMo, and who have those peace officer powers given by the provisions of chapter 306, RSMo;
 - (39) "Vesting service", the sum of a member's prior service credit and creditable service which is recognized in determining the member's eligibility for benefits under the system.
- 218 2. Benefits paid pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall not exceed the limitations of Internal Revenue Code Section 415, the provisions of which are 219 hereby incorporated by reference. Notwithstanding any other law to the 220 contrary, the board of trustees may establish a benefit plan under 221 Section 415(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Such 222 plan shall be created solely for the purposes described in Section 223 224415(m)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The 225 board of trustees may promulgate regulations necessary to implement 226 the provisions of this subsection and to create and administer such benefit plan. 227

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104.352. 1. [Any employee or former employee described in paragraph (b) of subdivision (18) of section 104.010 is entitled to credit for all prior service and membership service as if he had been a member of the system on the date of its inception. Any such employee shall be considered a member of the system from the date of his or her employment and shall receive credit for each month of service for which he is employed with service being computed as if part-time employment with the general assembly were full-time employment for the period the member was so employed.

2.] Each employee described in paragraph (b) of subdivision [(18)] (20) of section 104.010 shall be entitled to the same insurance benefits provided under sections 103.003 to 103.175, RSMo to employees described in paragraph (a) of subdivision [(18)] (20) of section 104.010 to cover the medical expenses of such employees and their spouses and children. Such insurance benefits shall be made available to employees described in paragraph (b) of subdivision [(18)] (20) of section 104.010 upon their initial employment as such employees in the same manner provided for employees described in paragraph (a) of subdivision [(18)] (20) of section 104.010, and shall be continued during any period of time, not to exceed one year, in which such employees are not paid for full-time employment, so long as such employees pay the same amount for such insurance benefits as is required of employees described in paragraph (a) of subdivision [(18)] (20) of section 104.010 who continue receiving such insurance benefits during a leave of absence without pay from their employment with the state. Any employee described in paragraph (b) of subdivision [(18)] (20) of section 104.010 who is reemployed by the general assembly or either house thereof, or by any member of the general assembly while acting in his official capacity as a member, by the thirteenth legislative day of the session of the general assembly immediately following the session of the general assembly in which such employee was last so employed, without having elected to discontinue the insurance benefits described in this subsection, shall be entitled to continue such insurance benefits without having to prove insurability for himself or any of his covered dependents for whom he has paid for such coverage continuously since last employed as an employee described in paragraph (b) of subdivision [(18)] (20) of section 104.010. Any employee described in paragraph (b) of subdivision [(18)] (20) of section 104.010 who is not reemployed by the general assembly or either house thereof, or by any member of the general assembly while acting in his official capacity as a member, by the thirteenth legislative day of the session of the

37 general assembly immediately following the session of the general assembly in 38 which such employee was last so employed, shall be deemed terminated as an employee as of such thirteenth legislative day, and the insurance benefits 39 40 provided for such employee under this subsection and sections 103.003 to 103.175, RSMo, shall be terminated as provided for employees described in paragraph (a) 41 42of subdivision [(18)] (20) of section 104.010 whose employment is terminated. During each month of service in which an employee described in 43 paragraph (b) of subdivision [(18)] (20) of section 104.010 is employed, the state 44 45 shall make any contribution required by sections 103.003 to 103.175, RSMo, for such employee. 46

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[3.] 2. Any employee described in paragraph (b) of subdivision [(18)] (20) of section 104.010 who is actively employed on or after September 28, 1992, shall be deemed vested for purposes of determining eligibility for benefits under sections 104.320 to 104.620 after being so employed for at least sixty months.

104.354. In each fiscal year in which retirement benefits are to be paid to retired employees described in paragraph (b) of subdivision [(18)] (20) of section 104.010 because of the provisions of section 104.352, funding for such benefits shall be provided as set forth in section 104.436. All benefits paid because of the provisions of section 104.352 shall be paid by the retirement system along with all other retirement benefits due such retired employees under the retirement system.

104.1003. **1.** Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the following words and phrases as used in sections 104.1003 to 104.1093 shall mean:

- 4 (1) "Act", the "Year 2000 Plan" created by sections 104.1003 to 104.1093;
- 5 (2) "Actuary", an actuary who is experienced in retirement plan financing 6 and who is either a member of the American Academy of Actuaries or an enrolled 7 actuary under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974;
- 8 (3) "Annuity", annual benefit amounts, paid in equal monthly 9 installments, from funds provided for in, or authorized by, sections 104.1003 to 104.1093;
- 11 (4) "Annuity starting date" means the first day of the first month with 12 respect to which an amount is paid as an annuity pursuant to sections 104.1003 13 to 104.1093;
- 14 (5) "Beneficiary", any person or entity entitled to receive an annuity or 15 other benefit pursuant to sections 104.1003 to 104.1093 based upon the

16 employment record of another person;

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- 17 (6) "Board of trustees", "board", or "trustees", a governing body or bodies established for the year 2000 plan pursuant to sections 104.1003 to 104.1093; 18
- 19 (7) "Closed plan", a benefit plan created pursuant to this chapter and 20 administered by a system prior to July 1, 2000. No person first employed on or 21after July 1, 2000, shall become a member of the closed plan, but the closed plan 22 shall continue to function for the benefit of persons covered by and remaining in 23the closed plan and their beneficiaries;
- 24 (8) "Consumer price index", the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States, or its successor index, as approved by the 2526 board, as such index is defined and officially reported by the United States Department of Labor, or its successor agency; 27
- (9) "Credited service", the total credited service to a member's credit as provided in sections 104.1003 to 104.1093; except that in no case shall more 29 than one day of credited service be credited to any member or vested 30 former member for any one calendar day of eligible credit as provided by law;
- (10) "Department", any department or agency of the executive, legislative, 33 or judicial branch of the state of Missouri receiving state appropriations, 34 35 including allocated funds from the federal government but not including any body 36 corporate or politic unless its employees are eligible for retirement coverage from 37 a system pursuant to this chapter as otherwise provided by law;
 - (11) "Early retirement eligibility", a member's attainment of fifty-seven years of age and the completion of at least five years of credited service;
- 40 (12) "Effective date", July 1, 2000;
- 41 (13) "Employee" shall be any person who is employed by a department and is paid a salary or wage by a department in a position normally requiring the 42performance of duties of not less than one thousand forty hours per year, 43 44 provided:
- (a) The term "employee" shall not include any patient or inmate of any 45 state, charitable, penal or correctional institution, or any person who is employed 46 by a department in a position that is covered by a state-sponsored defined benefit 47 48 retirement plan not created by this chapter;
- 49 (b) The term "employee" shall be modified as provided by other provisions of sections 104.1003 to 104.1093; 50
- 51 (c) The system shall consider a person who is employed in multiple

positions simultaneously within a single agency to be working in a single position for purposes of determining whether the person is an employee as defined in this subdivision;

- 55 (d) Beginning September 1, 2001, the term "year" as used in this 56 subdivision shall mean the twelve-month period beginning on the first day of 57 employment;
- (e) The term "employee" shall include any person as defined under paragraph (b) of subdivision (20) of subsection 1 of section 104.010 who is first employed on or after July 1, 2000, but prior to August 28, 2007;
 - (14) "Employer", a department;

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- (15) "Executive director", the executive director employed by a board established pursuant to the provisions of sections 104.1003 to 104.1093;
- (16) "Final average pay", the average pay of a member for the thirty-six 65 66 full consecutive months of service before termination of employment when the 67 member's pay was greatest; or if the member was on workers' compensation leave 68 of absence or a medical leave of absence due to an employee illness, the amount of pay the member would have received but for such leave of absence as reported 69 and verified by the employing department; or if the member was employed for 70 less than thirty-six months, the average monthly pay of a member during the 7172period for which the member was employed. The board of each system may promulgate rules for purposes of calculating final average pay and 73 74other retirement provisions to accommodate for any state payroll 75 system in which pay is received on a monthly, semimonthly, biweekly, or other basis; 76
- 77 (17) "Fund", a fund of the year 2000 plan established pursuant to sections 78 104.1003 to 104.1093;
- 79 (18) "Investment return", or "interest", rates as shall be determined and 80 prescribed from time to time by a board;
- 81 (19) "Member", a person who is included in the membership of the system, 82 as set forth in section 104.1009;
- 83 (20) "Normal retirement eligibility", a member's attainment of at least sixty-two years of age and the completion of at least five or more years of credited service or, the attainment of at least forty-eight years of age with a total of years of age and years of credited service which is at least eighty or, in the case of a member of the highway patrol who shall be subject to the mandatory retirement

- 88 provisions of section 104.080, the mandatory retirement age and completion of
- 89 five years of credited service or, the attainment of at least forty-eight years of age
- 90 with a total of years of age and years of credited service which is at least eighty;
- 91 (21) "Pay" shall include:
- 92 (a) All salary and wages payable to an employee for personal services 93 performed for a department; but excluding:
- 94 a. Any amounts paid after an employee's employment is terminated,
- 95 unless the payment is made as a final installment of salary or wages at the same
- 96 rate as in effect immediately prior to termination of employment in accordance
- 97 with a state payroll system adopted on or after January 1, 2000;
- b. Any amounts paid upon termination of employment for unused annual
- 99 leave or unused sick leave;
- 100 c. Pay in excess of the limitations set forth in Section 401(a)(17) of the
- 101 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended and other applicable federal laws or
- 102 regulations; [and]
- d. Any nonrecurring single sum payments; and
- e. Any amounts for which contributions have not been made in accordance with section 104.1066;
- 106 (b) All salary and wages which would have been payable to an employee
- 107 on workers' compensation leave of absence during the period the employee is
- 108 receiving a weekly workers' compensation benefit, as reported and verified by the
- 109 employing department;
- (c) All salary and wages which would have been payable to an employee
- 111 on a medical leave due to employee illness, as reported and verified by the
- 112 employing department;
- 113 (d) For purposes of members of the general assembly, pay shall be the
- 114 annual salary provided to each senator and representative pursuant to section
- 115 21.140, RSMo, plus any salary adjustment pursuant to section 21.140, RSMo;
- 116 (22) "Retiree", a person receiving an annuity from the year 2000 plan
- 117 based upon the person's employment record;
- 118 (23) "State", the state of Missouri;
- 119 (24) "System" or "retirement system", the Missouri state employees'
- 120 retirement system or the [transportation department and highway patrol
- 121 retirement system] Missouri department of transportation and highway
- 122 patrol employees' retirement system, as the case may be;
- 123 (25) "Vested former member", a person entitled to receive a deferred

124 annuity pursuant to section 104.1036;

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- 125 (26) "Year 2000 plan", the benefit plan created by sections 104.1003 to 126 104.1093.
- 2. Benefits paid under the provisions of this chapter shall not 127 128 exceed the limitations of Internal Revenue Code Section 415, the o f which hereby 129 provisions are incorporated 130 reference. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the board of trustees may establish a benefit plan under Section 415(m) of the 131 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Such plan shall be created 132 solely for the purposes described in Section 415(m)(3)(A) of the Internal 133 134 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The board of trustees may promulgate regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this 135 136 subsection and to create and administer such benefit plan.
 - 104.1021. 1. The appropriate board shall determine how much credited 2 service shall be given each member consistent with this section.
- 3 2. If a member terminates employment and is eligible to receive an annuity pursuant to the year 2000 plan, or becomes a vested former member at 4 the time of termination, the member's or former member's unused sick leave as reported through the financial and human resources system maintained by the 6 office of administration, or if a department's employees are not paid salaries or 7 wages through such system, as reported directly by the department, for which the member has not been paid will be converted to credited service at the time of 10 application for retirement benefits. The member shall receive one-twelfth of a year of credited service for each one hundred and sixty-eight hours of such 11 unused sick leave. The employing department shall not certify unused sick leave 12 13 unless such unused sick leave could have been used by the member for sickness 14 or injury. The rate of accrual of sick leave for purposes of computing years of service pursuant to this section shall be no greater than ten hours per 15 month. Such credited service shall not be used in determining the member's 16 eligibility for retirement or final average pay. Such credited service shall be 17 added to the credited service in the last position of employment held as a member 18 of the system. 19
 - 3. If a member is employed in a covered position and simultaneously employed in one or more other covered or noncovered positions, credited service shall be determined as if all such employment were in one position, and covered pay shall be the total of pay for all such positions.

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4. In calculating any annuity, "credited service" means a period expressed as whole years and any fraction of a year measured in twelfths that begins on the date an employee commences employment in a covered position and ends on the date such employee's membership terminates pursuant to section 104.1018 plus any additional period for which the employee is credited with service pursuant to this section.

- 5. A member shall be credited for all military service after membership commences as required by state and federal law.
- 32 6. Any member who had active military service in the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Army or Air National Guard, Coast Guard, 33 or any reserve component thereof prior to last becoming a member, or who is 34 otherwise ineligible to receive credited service pursuant to subsection 1 or 5 of 35 this section, and who became a member after the person's discharge from military 36 37 service under honorable conditions may elect, prior to retirement, to purchase credited service for all such military service, but not to exceed four years, 38 provided the person is not receiving and is not eligible to receive retirement 39 credits or benefits from any other public or private retirement plan, other than 40 a United States military service retirement system, for the military service to be 41 purchased along with the submission of appropriate documentation verifying the 42 43 member's dates of active service. The purchase shall be effected by the member 44 paying to the system an amount equal to the state's contributions that would have been made to the system on the member's behalf had the member been a 45 46 member for the period for which the member is electing to purchase credit and 47 had the member's pay during such period of membership been the same as the annual pay rate as of the date the member was initially employed as a member, 48 with the calculations based on the contribution rate in effect on the date of such 49 member's employment with simple interest calculated from the date of 50 51 employment to the date of election pursuant to this subsection. The payment 52shall be made over a period of not longer than two years, measured from the date 53 of election, and with simple interest on the unpaid balance. If a member who 54purchased credited service pursuant to this subsection dies prior to retirement, 55 the surviving spouse may, upon written request, receive a refund of the amount contributed for such purchase of such credited service, provided the surviving 5657 spouse is not entitled to survivorship benefits payable pursuant to the provisions of section 104.1030. 58
 - 7. Any member of the Missouri state employees' retirement system shall

receive credited service for the creditable prior service that such employee would have been entitled to under the closed plan pursuant to section 104.339, subsections 2, and 6 to 9 of section 104.340, subsection 12 of section 104.342, section 104.344, subsection 4 of section 104.345, subsection 4 of section 104.372, section 178.640, RSMo, and section 211.393, RSMo, provided such service has not

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- 8. Any member who has service in both systems and dies or terminates employment shall have the member's service in the other system transferred to the last system that covered such member and any annuity payable to such member shall be paid by that system. Any such member may elect to transfer service between systems prior to termination of employment, provided, any annuity payable to such member shall be paid by the last system that covered such member prior to the receipt of such annuity.
 - 9. In no event shall any person or member receive credited service pursuant to the year 2000 plan if that same service is credited for retirement benefits under any defined benefit retirement system not created pursuant to this chapter.
- 10. Any additional credited service as described in subsections 5 to 7 of this section shall be added to the credited service in the first position of employment held as a member of the system. Any additional creditable service received pursuant to section 105.691, RSMo, shall be added to the credited service in the position of employment held at the time the member completes the purchase or transfer pursuant to such section.
- 11. A member may not purchase any credited service described in this section unless the member has met the five-year minimum service requirement as provided in subdivisions (11) and (20) of **subsection 1 of** section 104.1003, the [two] **three** full biennial assemblies minimum service requirement as provided in section 104.1084, or the four-year minimum service requirement as provided in section 104.1084.
- 12. Absences taken by an employee without compensation for sickness and injury of the employee of less than twelve months or for leave taken by such employee without compensation pursuant to the provisions of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 shall be counted as years of credited service.

104.1087. 1. If a member has credited service with more than one selected plan at time of separation of covered employment from all selected plans, then the annuity payable from each selected plan shall be based upon the annuity

- 4 program, pay record and service record with that selected plan; provided,
- 5 however, that the total of credited service with all selected plans shall be used for
- 6 the sole purpose of determining whether or not the member has met the credited
- 7 service requirement contained in subdivisions (11) and (20) of subsection 1 of
- 8 section 104.1003 and subsections 1 and 4 of section 104.1084 for each selected
- 9 plan.
- 10 2. The selected plans cited in this section are:
- 11 (1) Year 2000 plan basic provisions;
- 12 (2) Year 2000 plan general assembly provisions;
- 13 (3) Year 2000 plan statewide elected official provisions.

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